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OF

THE SELECTMEN

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF SALISBURY,

FOR THE

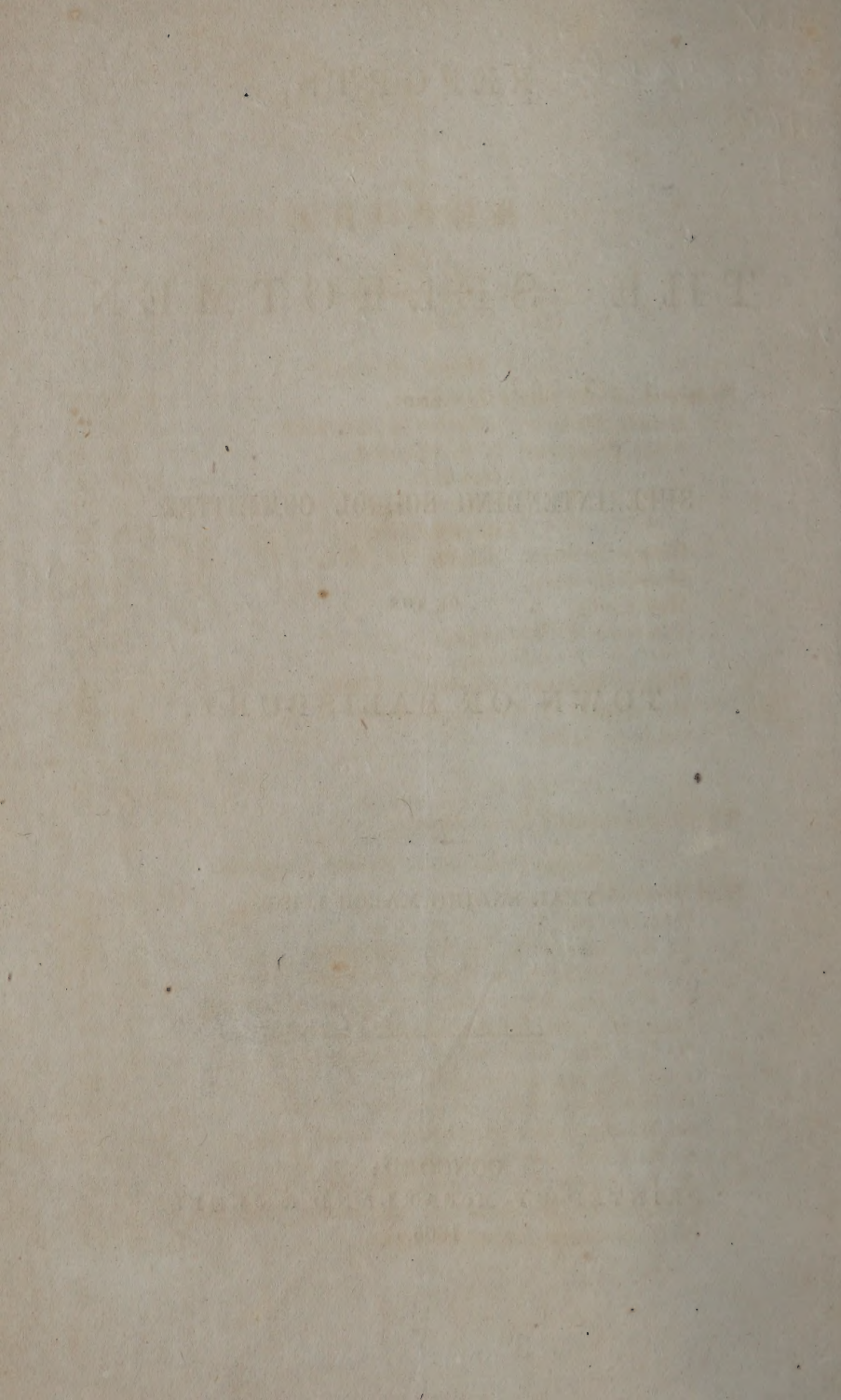
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1865.

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REPORT.

Money Received.

Received of last year's Treasurer,	\$630.70
Hiram Scribner, Collector for last year,	132.70
State Treasurer, U. S. bounties,	620.00
“ “ State aid,	1,563.01
“ “ Railroad tax,	113.02
“ “ Literary fund,	103.32
Hiram Scribner, Collector for 1864,	77.57
Merrill Dunlap,	10.00
Mrs. Collis,	20.00
The town of Boscawen,	15.40
“ “ “ Andover,	5.55
Gilman Moores, Collector for 1864,	5,875.88
For support of County paupers,	681.99
On town notes,	28,780.85
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	\$38,629.99

Which is accounted for as follows:

Money Paid out.—Current Expenses.

Paid State tax,	\$1,945.00
County tax,	814.81
B. W. Sanborn & Co., for stationery,	7.21
Lowell Scribner, as Warden on Town Farm,	225.00
G. P. Lyon, for revenue stamps and stationery,	13.64
Isaac Sanborn, for services as Treasurer,	20.00
O. C. Coffin, for board of Selectmen,	25.00
J. M. Shirley, for counsel,	3.00
William Butterfield, for printing by-laws,	4.00
G. Moores, collector, taxes on Town farm,	22.62
S. B. Little, insurance tax,	9.68
A. L. Graves, for two guide boards,	2.50
I. H. Couch, for horse hire and money paid out,	31.23
C. C. Rodgers, for school books,	2.00

Moses C. Webster, for horse-keeping and board of	
Selectmen,	3.50
J. C. Smith,	" " " (2.20
C. C. Rodgers, Superintending School Committee,	17.30
I. H. Couch,	" " " 10.82
D. J. Calef,	" " " 8.91
William Dunlap, for services as Town Clerk,	14.00
Isaac Sanborn,	" Selectman, 73.00
John R. Brown,	" " 42.45
I. Harris Couch,	" " 33.00
Gilman Moores,	" Collector, 88.13
C. S. Lovrien, for watering trough,	2.00
Thomas Foote, for coffin for John Smith,	7.00
Hayes & Clement, for goods for Town farm,	48.18
J. M. Hayes,	" " 55.08
Isaac Sanborn, for horse hire, car fare and money	
paid out,	10.71
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	\$3,553.02

Extra Highway.

Stephen Pingrey, for bridge plank and sawing lumber,	30.45
Herod Thompson, for damage,	4.00
W. H. Moulton, for bridge plank,	.80
G. Moores	.75
J. W. Fifield,	" and timber, 3.00
J. F. Huntoon,	" 1.00
D. G. Dustin, for bridge timber,	4.50
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	\$44.50

*Paupers not on the farm.—County.**

D. L. Davenport, for support of D. A. Davenport,	\$21.96
E. Johnson, for the burial of Mrs. Sally Atkinson,	5.40
F. R. Quimby, for digging grave for D. Heath,	1.50
Ann G. Bailey, for robe and cap for Mrs. Mary Moore,	2.25
G. W. Ladd, for digging grave,	" " 1.50
J. R. Brown, for journey to Concord, and money paid	
out,	3.69
Adeline Monroe, for support of James Monroe,	125.00
A. L. Graves, for four coffins,	20.00
Hayes & Clement, for goods,	48.24
J. M. Hayes,	" 42.44
E. Johnson, for money paid transient paupers,	5.00

Isaac Sanborn, for articles furnished to A. Young's family,	4.44
Joseph Smith, for 7 feet of wood for Caleb Bean,	3.93
D. M. Everett, for sawing wood for " "	3.25
Thomas Foote, for coffin, grave clothes, &c., for Caleb Bean,	8.50
Nancy Chase, for support of Mrs. Mary Moore,	39.00
Gookin & Dunlap, for goods for A. Young's family,	7.95
" " for one pair of shoes for Noah Flanders,	2.50
W. W. Sleeper, for doctoring County paupers,	66.75
N. H. Arey, " " "	9.25
Samuel Whittemore, for digging graves for Caleb Bean and D. A. Davenport,	7.00
I. H. Couch, for supplies furnished to C. Bean,	24.21
J. M. Greeley, for coat for Noah Flanders,	2.50
Samuel Emerson, for support of Benja. Mason and wife,	63.72
Isaac Sanborn, for supplies furnished,	13.55
Luther M. Knight, for doctoring Benja. Mason,	4.25
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	\$537.69

Paupers not on the farm.—Town.

Isaac Sanborn, for goods for Levi Lowell,	4.00
Lowell Scribner, for cash paid Harriet Scribner,	.65
Mrs. Thais E. Page and family,	35.00
Morrill Dunlap, for support of Emeline Dunlap,	2.00
W. W. Sleeper, for alcohol for Harriet Scribner,	1.60
" " for doctoring Harriet Scribner,	90.00
Isaac Sanborn, for cash for " "	2.00
J. M. Hayes, for goods for " "	18.75
I. H. Couch, for supplies furnished,	8.90
Francis Stevens, for flour for Harriet Scribner,	11.50
John M. Hayes, for goods for Levi Lowell,	10.00
Thomas Foote, for coffin for Levi Lowell,	8.00
Samuel Whittemore, for digging grave for Levi Lowell,	2.00
Town of Somersworth, for support of Widow Sanborn,	40.00
Mrs. Thais E. Page and family,	21.66
Isaac Sanborn, furnished to Mrs. Maria E. Bartlett,	5.55
Gookin & Dunlap, for goods for " "	4.00
N. H. Asylum for Insane, for board and care of Emeline Dunlap,	91.81

J. B. Dunlap, for journey to Concord after Emeline Dunlap,	2.00
Isaac Sanborn, for supplies furnished,	35.22
Gookin & Dunlap, for goods for Mrs. Dolly Foster,	28.00
Enoch Davis, for funeral expenses at the burial of Mrs. Sally Atkinson,	5.00
S. B. Greeley, for three cords of wood for Mrs. Sarah Stevens,	7.50
John R. Brown, for services and money paid out,	29.10
A. Jones, for digging grave for John Smith,	1.00
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	\$440.98

School Money.

Paid Dist. No. 1,	220.99	Paid Dist. No. 10,	26.80
2,	188.68	11,	40.79
3,	65.05	No. 6, in Andover,	3.31
4,	45.05	No. 4, in Webster,	8.24
5,	67.06	No. 7, in Warner,	2.15
6,	71.28	No. 12, in Warner,	4.71
7,	71.55		<hr/>
8,	34.52		\$885.32
9,	35.14		

War Expenses.

Paid J. R. Brown, for stage and car fare,	32.91
Isaac Sanborn, for services and money paid,	34.45
J. R. Brown, for services,	38.50
I. H. Couch, for services and money paid out,	20.25
W. L. Bennett, express bill,	2.00
J. E. Pecker, for furnishing volunteers to fill the town's quota,	7,700.00
W. L. Bennett, for stage fare,	4.75
J. E. Pecker, for furnishing volunteers to fill the town's quota,	2,159.60
J. E. Pecker, for furnishing volunteers to fill the town's quota,	4,300.00
J. C. Smith, for his services at Concord,	5.40
J. E. Pecker, for his services and expenses in procuring volunteers,	84.00
Mechanicks Bank, for discount on money,	12.50
George S. Leach & Co., for substitutes to fill the town's quota,	1500.00

George S. Leach & Co., for substitutes to fill the town's quota,	400.00
David Perkins, " " "	2700.00
" " " " "	840.00
C. E. Smith, express bill,	1.00
Francis Stevens, for interest on money,	.50
Isaac Sanborn, for paying out State aid,	23.91
On town notes,	10,908.47
Abby A. Morrison, State aid,	48.00
John Bagley, " "	40.66
Mary J. Scott, " "	140.00
Rhoda P. Davis, " "	24.00
Emeline Carter, " "	41.20
Albert G. Chase, " "	96.00
Elmira H. Bean, " "	48.00
O. S. A. Hodge, " "	96.00
Anson W. Glines, " "	24.00
Julia A. Hoyt, " "	104.00
Sargent T. Heath, " "	96.00
Benj. F. Heath, " "	48.00
George W. Ladd, " "	136.00
Sarah F. Sleeper, " "	144.00
Charles H. Glines, " "	24.00
John C. Carter, " "	136.00
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	\$31,891.70

Abatements.

Abated to Caleb Bean, for the year 1863,	3.87
J. C. Smith, " 1864,	2.66
B. F. Carr, " "	1.33
Caleb Bean, " "	4.82
Moses Colby, " "	1.33
John Shaw, " "	5.00
Caleb S. Colby, " "	10.64
Nathan Corser, " "	2.66
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	\$32.31

Cash in hands of treasurer,	1,244.47
Amounting in all to the sum of	\$38,629.99
Which balances the account.	

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC SANBORN,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JOHN BROWN,	
I. HARRIS COUCH,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Salisbury.</i>

Report of Liquor Agency, from April 1, 1864, to March 1, 1865.

DR.

To liquor, amounting to	697.22
License paid,	27.17

CR.

By liquor sold and on hand,	858.49
Leaving a balance in favor of the agency,	\$137.10

Report of Town Farm.

DR.

To amount of property on hand as per inventory; Feb.	
28, 1864,	1,320.95

To amount of property bought for the farm, and war-	
den's services,	780.59

\$2,101.54

CR.

By amount of property on hand, as per inventory, Feb.	
28, 1865,	1,671.69

Amount sold off the farm, and profit on butchering,	558.28
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Money received from the county for the support of pau-	
pers,	291.56

\$2,521.53

Leaving a balance in favor of the farm,	\$419.99
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Which is accounted for as follows:

Amount of inventory, Feb. 28, 1864, more than that
of Feb. 28, 1863, \$350.74

Leaving a balance in favor of the farm, \$69.25

The subscribers, chosen to audit the Selectmen's accounts for
the year ending March 1, 1865, having attended to that duty,
report that they find their accounts correctly cast and duly
vouched.

CYRUS GOOKIN,
J. M. HAYES,
D. J. CALEF.

Salisbury, Feb. 28, 1865.

Standing of the Town.

Due from the State, State aid,	\$933.26
U. S. Bounty,—Assignments,	2,400.00
The town of Andover,	4.00
Due on J. S. French's note,	26.81
H. F. French's note,	114.93
from Collector, for 1863,	69.56
“ “ 1864,	538.23
Cash in hands of the Treasurer,	1,244.47
in hands of Liquor Agent,	137.10
Amounting to	\$5,468.36

The town owes as follows: Outstanding notes against the
town, with interest added to March 1, 1865, \$31,429.82
Deduct amount due the town, 5,468.36

Whole indebtedness of the town, March 1, 1865, \$25,961.46

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC SANBORN, } *Selectmen*
JOHN R. BROWN, } *of*
I. HARRIS COUCH, } *Salisbury.*

Salisbury, Feb. 28, 1865.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In obedience to the laws of the State, the Superintending School Committee present their Annual Report. This must needs be brief. The intention is to give a business view of what has been done, to make a few suggestions with reference to the wants of district schools, and to name some topics that demand careful consideration. With a few exceptions the town has been fortunate the past year in the selection of teachers. A majority of the teachers will well compare in qualifications and practical knowledge with teachers in general. Some of them, however, fall below mediocrity, need more mental culture, more elementary science, and better and more enlightened views of their duties, and of the best methods of teaching. A few are *book* teachers; are too much confined to the text books used, and are not able to add, by illustration, anything from their own resources, either in relating instructive anecdotes, or in quoting facts of a historical character to rivet more strongly in the mind the impressions made by imparting instruction. Teachers should teach the subject, as well as the book; show the practical uses of the thing taught make it so familiar, by presenting it in different forms, by repetition, that it may be permanently fixed in the mind. Some, it is true, have a greater aptitude for teaching than others. Still all are susceptible of higher mental culture, and of greater improvement and perfection in what truly constitutes a successful and accomplished teacher. If teachers would magnify their office; if they would wish their language to be intelligible, they must become intelligent. And we would here suggest that we have insisted upon an exact and thorough teaching of the elementary branches. It is time that the inaccurate and slovenly mode of teaching which so extensively prevails, should be expelled from our schools; and a class of teachers encouraged who have been trained to habits of accuracy and precision in knowledge, and to the careful investigation of principles. We wish to say a word to our prudential committees, as we have noticed one feature at their control which has proved an injury to some of our schools. That is, those who select teachers regarding their own interest more than that of the school. Prudential committees should consult the best interests of schools instead of friends, as it proves so great an injury to so many by securing a teacher totally unfit for the position because it may be a friend or an acquaintance.

Irregularity of attendance and tardiness are great evils. Scholars can not be expected to learn much unless they attend school constantly. If they are habitually tardy, they will fix a habit upon themselves, which, without a great effort to correct it, will follow them through life; not taking into account the bad examples they set for others. The remedy

is with the parents. They can correct the evil. Many of the school-houses are in a wretched condition. Some of them are falling to pieces, and the sooner they are down the better. Some are too small, and the children are crowded together in the most uncomfortable manner, so that good order cannot be maintained, or the exercises of the school carried on successfully. The committee recommend that no attempts be made to repair or reform these ill-constructed buildings, but that new houses, with modern improvements, be erected. We are confident that this course will be less expensive for the districts in the end, and add greatly to the comfort, health and usefulness of the schools.

Measures should be taken to raise more school money, especially for smaller districts. In some of these districts excellent schools have been kept the past year. But it is a matter for deep regret that almost as soon as these schools were fully in operation, and the teachers had succeeded in awakening an interest in study in the minds of their pupils, so that every additional day of schooling was becoming more valuable, the mandate has been issued for the school to close, because the money was expended.

The committee would also call attention to the great importance of encouraging more thorough and systematic teaching of the common branches of learning. There is too much disposition to introduce higher studies into the schools; and, as a consequence, we find scholars studying Algebra, Physiology, &c., who can neither read nor spell correctly, or analyze properly the simple sentences of the English language, or perform examples in simple division. Parents should discountenance this practise, for it is highly detrimental to the educational interests of their children. A smattering of higher studies is a poor substitute for a deficient education in the common branches of learning. A manifestation of more interest in the school, by parents and others, in visiting them, is indispensable to their improvement. The committee have been gratified in meeting in some cases, with parents and other citizens in the schools, but in most of the districts this duty is wholly omitted. We would also most emphatically call attention to the great importance of sustaining teachers in their efforts to maintain order and discipline. A disorderly, turbulent school is a curse to any district, and every man who lifts his hand to break down the authority of law and order in the school-room, is an enemy to the best interests of his children. The committee are happy to be able, in concluding their report, to express their conviction that a decided advance has been made in most of the schools during the past year; but they ought also to state, that in their view a great work remains to be done before our schools can be elevated to that rank which the educational interests of the town demand.

Schools examined by C. C. Rodgers.

DISTRICT NO. 4. Summer Term. MYRA S. RANDALL Teacher. Miss Randall labored hard in the discharge of her duties, but failed to secure that degree of order which is desirable. A listlessness and uneasiness were manifest throughout the school. The advancement of the scholars in their studies was as great as could be expected under the circumstances.

DISTRICT NO. 6. Miss MARY S. SHAW instructed the school in this district in the summer. A good degree of energy and decision, clear and accurate statements of the principles of knowledge, and the ability to interest her pupils in their studies, were characteristics of this teacher.

The pupils evinced good proficiency in all the branches taught. The discipline of the school was good.

Winter term. Taught by Miss GEORGIA CALEF. In this school we found order, system and quietness a very pleasing feature of the school-room; the proficiency as good as could be expected under the circumstances; but in our opinion had stricter attention been paid to reviewing, in order to impress the principles taught more firmly in the minds of the pupils, it would have been more satisfactory to the committee and more profitable to the district.

DISTRICT NO. 7. Summer Term. CLARA J. PARSONS teacher. Miss P. entered this school with little experience, but with energy and perseverance she accomplished what would have done credit to older and more experienced teachers. The recitations evinced a thorough and well-taught course of instruction. The discipline of this school was of a most pleasing character. With experience Miss P. may become one of our best teachers.

Winter Term. LYDIA A. ABBOTT teacher. This has been one of our best schools, and we were sadly disappointed to find it in a condition so discouraging. As this teacher succeeded well in this school in former years, we think that it might not have proved a failure now, had the scholars conducted themselves with gentlemanly respect and propriety. Their deportment was of a very discreditable character, and we think parents would find it to be an advantage to their scholars and school if they would discountenance such conduct instead of sustaining it. Our advice to this district is to secure a male teacher; one who possesses energy, decision, and muscle enough to deal properly with such scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 10. This is the smallest school in town, but one term during the year, and that was taught by Miss CARRIE P. WATSON, whose long connection with this school has proved in the greatest degree profitable to the district. She sustained her former reputation as a faithful, energetic and accomplished teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 11. There was but one term of school in this district, and that was taught by Miss ABBIE SHAW, who, with little experience, has proved herself a faithful and energetic teacher. In this school the order was very good, the instruction thorough, and the progress made in the various classes evinced at once the faithfulness of the teacher and close application on the part of the scholars. The harmony and quiet of the room, the orderly arrangement of the classes, the promptitude with which scholars recited, and their ready compliance with the regulations of the school, were evident manifestations of regard for their teacher and respect for themselves.

Schools examined by I. H. Couch.

DISTRICT NO. 2. Summer Term. LYDIA A. ABBOTT teacher. Progress fair in some of the classes. There was a deficiency in the order of the school, and of energy on the part of the teacher. School not so profitable as it should have been.

Winter Term. Mr. ROWELL teacher. Mr. R. evidently labored hard for the advancement of his pupils. The school appeared better at the close than at the commencement. But there was a want of adaptation of teacher to school in both the winter and summer terms; and this and the

dilapidated condition of the school-room and furniture call loudly on the good sense and ample means of this district, for reform.

DISTRICT No. 3. MARY A. BROWN teacher. She was industrious, energetic, and thorough in discipline and instruction; and the closing examination gave evidence of a decided improvement in all the branches taught. *M.B.*

Winter Term, EMMA M. WEBSTER teacher. This teacher evidently directed her whole attention to the welfare of her scholars, and if there were defects in her management of the school, the most prominent ones were attempting too much for so short a term, and not bringing her scholars under the control of her own will. The terms of school in this district were too short, and we would suggest that it would be better to unite both terms in one.

DISTRICT No. 4. Winter Term. C. C. RODGERS teacher. This school appeared well at the beginning, and the closing examination was very satisfactory, evincing a marked improvement in all the branches taught.

DISTRICT No. 9. ABBIE SHAW teacher. There was but one term of school in this district, and that was in the autumn. This was Miss S. first effort in teaching. The school appeared well at the commencement; but in consequence of indisposition we were not present at the closing examination; but by information received from others we do not doubt that the school was a success.

Schools examined by D. J. Calef.

DISTRICT No. 1. Summer term, of fifteen weeks, was taught by Miss GEORGIA CALEF, who faithfully performed her duties. She gave good satisfaction, and succeeded in gaining the good will of her scholars, and in sustaining good order. The school is highly commended.

Winter Term. Mr. N. E. STARK teacher. A man of experience and ability, and one who ever strove for the advancement of his scholars. Probably no school in town was better disciplined or made better progress.

DISTRICT No. 5. Summer term was taught by Miss MARTHA J. FIFIELD. This school was conducted with much ability; the teacher seeming to feel at home in the school-room, having had considerable experience in teaching.

Winter Term. Taught by HENRY M. PUTNEY, a graduate of Dartmouth College, one of the best of teachers, patient and persevering, and his exertions were richly rewarded in the improvement of his pupils. Decided progress was made during both terms.

DISTRICT No. 8. There was but one term of school in this district, and that was taught by Miss CLARA J. SMITH. This was her first effort at teaching. The school at its opening appeared very well, but, not having notice of its close, it was visited but once; therefore we cannot speak as to its success.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

No. of Districts.	Names of Teachers.	Residences.	Teacher's wages per month, including board.	No. attending school two weeks.	Average attendance.	Length of school in weeks.	Instances of tardiness.	Instances of dismissal.	No. not absent one half day.	Cases of corporeal punishment.	No. visits of Sup't'g Committee.	No. visits Prudential Committee.	Visits of citizens.
1	G. Calef,.....	Salisbury,	19.00	49	36	15	140	6	1	+	2	1	17
2	L. A. Abbott,.....	"	18.00	34	17	16	83	13	0	23	2	0	29
3	M. R. Brown,.....	Wilmot,	12.00	20	18	8	55	11	5	4	2	2	21
4	M. S. Randall,.....	Salisbury,	12.00	20	14	8	42	8	2	+	2	0	9
5	M. J. Fifield,.....	"	10.00	12	10	11	5	1	0	0	1	1	20
6	M. S. Shaw,.....	Andover,	13.00	20	10	10	34	27	0	0	3	1	11
7	C. J. Parsons,.....	Salisbury,	12.00	17	12	10	29	10	0	2	2	0	15
9	A. Shaw,.....	"	12.00	17	9	12	16	26	1	0	2	1	39

WINTER SCHOOLS.

1	N. E. Stark,*.....	Lyme.											
2	— Rowell,*.....	Andover.											
3	E. M. Webster,.....	Boscawen,	19.00	22	20	6	50	12	3	+	2	1	23
4	C. C. Rodgers,.....	Salisbury,	22.00	19	17	8	9	0	6	0	2	0	7
5	H. M. Putney,.....	Danbarton,	24.00	17	12	7	3	1	3	+	2	0	1
6	G. Calef,.....	Salisbury,	21.00	20	18	7½	21	0	+	+	2	+	10
7	L. A. Abbott,.....	"	18.89	21	18	10	50	11	8	3	2	2	11
8	C. J. Smith,.....	"	12.00	9	8	9	45	+	+	+	1	+	8
10	C. P. Watson,.....	Sutton,	15.00	5	5	8½	17	2	0	0	2	1	12
11	A. Shaw,.....	Salisbury,	14.00	13	11	10	112	2	0	0	2	0	11

* Register not returned.

† Not reported by teacher.

C. C. RODGERS, }
 I. H. COUCH, } *Superintending*
 D. J. CALEF, } *School Com.*

Salisbury, March 3, 1865.

